(3) Government of Andhra Pradesh have sanctioned Rs. 50 lakhs to issue consumption loans to affected weavers through District Cooperative Central Banks in the State.

(iii) A number of fiscal concessions have been provided to the handloom sector in order to mitigate the hardship faced by it *vis-a-vis* the powerloom sector. Further 22 itmes have been reserved for exclusive production in the handloom sector. The Act and Orders issued in this regard have been stayed by Supreme Court of India. Vigorous steps are being taken to vacate the stay.

(c) Government of India have consituted a high power Committee to review the progress of implementation of the Textile Policy, 1985. The Committee is also expected to make an assessment as to how far various measures devised in the Policy for protecting of handlooms have been effective in achieving their objectives.

Courts functioning from rented buildings

299. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Courts which are functioning from rented buildings in the country; and

(b) by when Court buildings are proposed to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations are required to provide infrastructure facilities including Court buildings.

Execution of Narmada Dam Project

300. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the execution of the Narmada Dam Project has started and if not, when the work is likely to start;

(b) what is the investment proposed for the same;

(c) whether some Non Resident Indians have been invited to contribute resources for the project; and

(d) if so, what is their response in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir; the work on the Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat has been taken up.

(b) About Rupees six thousand four hundred crores.

(c) and (d) Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited has recently launched Public Deposit Scheme under the Companies Act, 1961. Under the Scheme the non-resident Indians are also eligible to make deposits within the prescribed ceiling.

Pending cases in Supreme Court/ High Courts

301. SHRI HARI SINGH :
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that arrears of cases in the Supreme